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Dear Professor Lederberg,

As a part of our article reviewing the major developments in biology (scheduled for our June issue) we plan to run pictures of ten or twelve of the most eminent biologists living in the United States today. Such a selection -- particularly in a field as broad as biology -- would necessarily be somewhat arbitrary and exclude a good many top men, and while we would make this clear to our readers our hope is that the men we do select rank as high as any in the field, in the opinion of their colleagues.

To this end, we are asking each of the men we have interviewed to list for us (on a confidential basis) the names of men he thinks should be included. Would you be kind enough to help us out with your nominations? We would appreciate your sending us the names of five-to-ten men you regard as the most distinguished in your own field, plus any names outside your field which come to mind as "musts." Many thanks for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Frank Bello  
Francis Bello  
Science Editor

Sorry you and Esther couldn't join us for dinner.